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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my third Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of Seaham Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1956.

Vital statistics are again in the main satisfactory. The birth rate has risen from 18.88 in 1955 to 19.39 per thousand of the population and is almost four per thousand higher than the national figure. The increase in the death rate for the district is only fractional.

It is pleasing to report a substantial decrease in the infantile mortality rate from the 1955 figure of 44.81 to 27.56 per thousand live births. This welcome reduction is largely due to decreased neo-natal mortality, and perusal of the table in the body of the report will show that of the 11 neo-natal deaths nine occurred within two days of birth from congenital defects or prematurity.

There have been no major epidemics of infectious disease during the year and, fortunately, the dysentery outbreak of 1955 was not repeated. None of the three cases of poliomyelitis notified proved to be paralytic.

The B.C.G. vaccination of thirteen-year-old children has continued, and arrangements for X-ray examination have been made for those cases who showed evidence of contact with tuberculosis, together with the members of their families.

Hygiene in food shops remains a matter for concern and it was unfortunate that, at a time when progress could be seen, the services of the additional public health inspector were lost. It will be remembered that, through circumstances beyond the Council's control, the vacancy took six months to fill. Nevertheless, as far as possible a vigilant watch has been kept on food premises, slaughterhouses, and ice-cream manufacturing establishments in the area.

It should be mentioned that in recent times greater concentration on hygiene generally, food and ice-cream quality, and infectious diseases investigation, has called for additional laboratory work. In this connection I should like to express my thanks to Dr. Crone and his staff at the Public Health Laboratory, Sunderland, for their ready co-operation and valuable assistance.

The Council's slum clearance programme has proceeded at full speed, but concentration in this direction has reacted detrimentally on routine work under the Housing and Public Health Acts. It can not be said, however, that this section of the department's duties has been neglected in any way.

I also wish to record my appreciation of the Council's active support and consideration during the year. The decisions to increase the inspectorial establishment and to provide two temporary operatives for the survey and cleansing of verminous Council houses are evidence of the Health Committee's policy to raise the standard of public health in the town, and I am certain their enthusiasm and foresight will be rewarded. The volume of additional work has, however, tested the clerical effort of the department, and early consideration of this establishment may have to be given.

Finally, I should like to express my thanks for the co-operation I have received from the Council's officials and for the ready help and loyalty of my colleagues in the Health Department. In particular I should like to mention the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Turner, who has retired after thirty-two years in the Council's service. I feel sure Council members and officials alike will join with me in wishing him good health and happiness in his retirement.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. A. RODGERS,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres — 2,467.

Registrar General's Estimate of resident population, mid-1956 — 25,940.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1956) according to Rate Books — 7,784.

Rateable Value — £173,721.

Sum represented by a penny rate — £703 14s. 7d.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year 1956.

Live Births—					Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	...	...		500	262	238
Illegitimate	...	...	...		8	2	6
Total	...	...	...	...	508	264	244

Birth Rates (corrected)—

Legitimate	...	19.08	per 1,000 estimated resident population.				
Illegitimate	...	0.31	„	„	„	„	„
Total	...	19.39	„	„	„	„	„

Still Births—					Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	...	...		17	7	10
Illegitimate	...	...	...		1	0	1
Total	...	...	...	...	18	7	11

Still Birth Rate — 34.22 per 1,000 live and still births.

					Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths	...	...	...	...	238	131	107

Death Rate (corrected)—

12.57 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes—		Deaths.	Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	1	1.9

Infant Mortality—					Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	...				14	6	8

Infant Mortality Rate—27.56 per 1,000 live births.

					Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths of Infants under 1 month					11	5	6

Neo-natal Mortality Rate—21.65 per 1,000 live births.

Causes of Death of Infants.

Age.	Sex.	Cause.
1 hour.	M	Prematurity.
1 hour.	M	Prematurity.
1 hour.	F	Prematurity.
2 hours.	F	Prematurity.
5 hours.	M	Cerebral haemorrhage. Prematurity.
7 hours.	F	Prematurity.
12 hours.	F	Prematurity.
2 days.	F	Cerebral haemorrhage and prematurity.
2 days.	M	Cerebral haemorrhage and prematurity.
2 weeks.	M	Interruption of intrauterine development with abnormality of bowel.
3 weeks.	F	Congenital defects.
5 months.	M	Broncho-pneumonia.
6 months.	F	Asphyxia.
8 months.	F	Broncho-pneumonia.

Mortality of Legitimate Infants — 28 per 1,000 legitimate live births.

Mortality of Illegitimate Infants — Nil per 1,000 illegitimate live births.

Death from Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

The causes of the greatest mortality during 1955 were :

Cardio-vascular Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

BIRTH RATES AND DEATH RATES in the year 1956
England & Wales and Seaham

	Rate per 1,000 Popul'tion	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) b'ths	Rate per 1,000 Popul'tion	Rate per 1,000 Related Live Births
	Live Births	Still- Births	Deaths (all ages)	Deaths under 1 yr.
England and Wales ...	15.7	22.6	11.7	23.8
Seaham	19.39	34.22	12.57	27.56

The maternal mortality rate for England and Wales per 1,000 Total Births
0.56

The maternal mortality rate for Seaham per 1,000 Total Births
1.9

The neo-natal mortality rate for England and Wales per 1,000 Live Births
16.9

The neo-natal mortality rate for Seaham per 1,000 Live Births
21.65

**NOTIFICATIONS AND CASE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES
IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956**

	Quarter	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric (Typhoid and para- typhoid) fever	Acute pneumonia (primary or influenzal)	Dysentery	Acute Poliomyelitis		Food poisoning	Tuberculosis		
							Paralytic	Non- paralytic		Respirat'ry	Meninges and C.N.S.	Other
England and Wales	First	11,335	20	87	12,754	18,412	214	92	1,491	8,158	110	909
	Second	8,019	10	191	5,201	16,611	206	130	2,926	8,842	141	1,054
	Third	5,107	16	187	4,600	6,918	596	820	3,435	7,226	86	895
	Fourth	8,635	17	101	4,877	7,041	692	455	3,156	7,416	97	881
Total		33,096	63	566	27,432	48,982	1,708	1,497	11,008	31,642	434	3,739
Case Rate		0.74	0.001	0.013	0.612	1.093	0.038	0.033	0.245	0.706	0.009	0.083
Seaham	First	5	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	5	—	1
	Second	2	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	6	—	—
	Third	3	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	7	—	—
	Fourth	1	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	3	1	1
Total		11	—	—	24	2	—	3	—	21	1	2
Case Rate		0.424	Nil.	Nil.	0.925	0.077	Nil.	0.116	Nil.	0.809	0.039	0.077

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1947-1956

Year		Population Estimated	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
1947	...	25,240	23.73	11.8	48.4
1948	...	25,710	22.09	9.95	45.75
1949	...	25,900	21.5	10.3	46.67
1950	...	25,990	19.12	10.65	42.25
1951	...	25,920	18.17	11.26	21.23
1952	...	25,660	17.73	10.65	26.03
1953	...	25,690	20.35	11.57	27.61
1954	...	25,650	18.64	12.3	20.7
1955	...	25,740	18.88	11.94	44.8
1956	...	25,940	19.39	12.57	27.56

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1956

CAUSES OF DEATH					Males	Females
All Causes	...	...	...	...	131	107
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	6	1
„ „ lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	8	—
„ „ breast	...	...	...	...	—	6
„ „ uterus	...	...	...	...	—	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	11	15
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	17	19
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	23	11
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	2	3
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	10	9
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	6	5
Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	5
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	11	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	5	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	3	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	—	1
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	9	18
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	3	—
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	3	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	6	—
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	—	—

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN SEAHAM URBAN DISTRICT

1. Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

At the beginning of the Report a list is given showing the Officers connected with the Health Services in the District.

2. National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.

No cases of persons in need of care and attention were dealt with under the provisions of this section during the year.

3. Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory, Havelock Hospital, Sunderland, provides facilities for the examination of pathological specimens and for the bacteriological examination of food samples. An excellent liaison exists with the Director and Staff of the Laboratory and results for samples submitted are obtained very quickly.

4. Other Health Services.

The following Health Services are administered by the Durham County Council as the responsible Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, and are run in conjunction with the Local Health Sub-Committee of members from Seaham Urban District, Easington Rural District and Durham County Councils.

Ambulance.	Domestic Helps.
Home Nursing.	Health Visitors.
Vaccination.	Child Welfare and Maternity.
Immunisation against	Welfare of the Aged (partly).
Diphtheria.	Welfare of the Blind.
Prevention of Illness,	Welfare of other handicapped
care and after-care.	persons.
Mental Health Services.	

The School Medical Service is also the responsibility of the County Council. Almost all the relevant sections of Part III of the National Assistance Act are administered by the County Council.

Food and Drugs Inspectors are appointed by, and work under the direction of, the County Council.

Schemes for the Prevention of Blindness are entirely under the jurisdiction of the County Council as the Local Health Authority.

Fully qualified Veterinary Inspectors are appointed by, and work under the direction of, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. They are responsible for carrying out routine examination of the dairy herds throughout the County in order to maintain and raise the standard of the health of the cows.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is also responsible through its County officials for the supervision of byres and dairy premises.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.

A piped water supply is provided by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company to all premises in Seaham. The supply is of good quality and possesses between 21 and 23 degrees of hardness. A reduction in hardness to its present figure has been achieved by the introduction of an upland supply from the Company's reservoirs in Weardale to their existing supplies from deep wells. This has now rendered unnecessary the installation of water softening apparatus. The water is sampled by the Company at frequent intervals in their own laboratory for both bacteriological and chemical examination, and in addition twelve check samples were also taken by the staff of the Health Department during the year and these were all reported as satisfactory.

Camping Sites.

There are now no camping sites in the area, since the hutments of the two "squatters' camps" were vacated and demolished.

Swimming Baths.

The facilities for swimming in the Urban area are confined to two clubs, the first being the Seaham Harbour Swimming Club which utilises part of the Docks known as the Basin, and the second at Dawdon Colliery which is privately owned.

Riparian Health Authority.

The trade from the port consists exclusively of coal exports to other ports on the east and south coasts. It is pleasing to note that no ships required disinfestation during the year.

Rivers and Streams.

There are two main streams in the area and every endeavour is made to keep them in a satisfaction condition.

REFUSE DISPOSAL, SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND STREET CLEANSING

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information on the above matters which are under his control.

Sewage Disposal.

No treatment is carried out to the sewage which, after collection, is discharged direct to the sea from three main outfalls. It has been necessary to extend the sewerage system to cater for increased housing development.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Collection is carried out by direct labour using specially constructed vehicles. Disposal is by controlled tipping on sites leased to the Council. During the year, 18,805 tons of house and trade refuse were collected and disposed of, together with 102 tons 1 qr. of salvage paper and 51 tons 5 cwts. 2 qrs. of scrap metal.

Street Cleansing.

By arrangement with Durham County Council, gullies on the County roads are cleansed by the staff of Seaham Urban District Council. During the year, 10,128 gullies were emptied on U.D.C. highways and 2,302 on D.C.C. highways.

A mechanical roadsweeper is used for the cleansing of roads and streets.

Confirmed Cases of Infectious and Other Notifiable Diseases, 1956 (other than Tuberculosis)

Numbers originally notified. Total (<i>all ages</i>)	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Acute Poliomyelitis		Measles	Dysentery
			Paralytic	Non-paralytic		
Under 1 yr.	1	4	—	—	7	—
1-2 years	—	10	—	—	6	—
2-3 years	—	6	—	—	1	—
3-4 years	—	10	—	—	3	—
4-5 years	—	5	—	—	7	1
5-9 years	5	16	—	1	25	—
10-14 years	4	2	—	1	—	—
15-24 years	1	1	—	—	—	—
25 and over	—	1	—	1	—	1
Total (<i>all ages</i>)	11	55	—	3	49	2

Numbers originally notified. Total (<i>all ages</i>)	Acute Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia
Under 5 yrs.	25	4	5
5-14 years	7	—	Ages not specified.
15-44 years	3	—	
45-64 years	6	2	
65 and over	7	1	
Total (<i>all ages</i>)	1	1	5

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the new cases and deaths for the Urban District of Seaham during 1956 :—

Age Periods	NEW CASES				TOTAL DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5 years ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-10 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-15 years ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15-20 „ ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-25 „ ...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-35 „ ...	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45 „ ...	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
45-55 „ ...	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-65 „ ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
65 & upwards	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	11	10	2	1	1	—	—	—

Classification of Non-Pulmonary cases of Tuberculosis :—

Neck ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Spine	...	...	...	...	...	1
T.B. Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	1

DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION

There were no cases of diphtheria in the District during the year.

The following table shows the number and ages of children immunised against diphtheria in Seaham during 1956.

Age (yrs.)	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	Total
Primary Immunisations	143	59	15	9	4	4	—	234
Reinforcing Injections	—	—	—	—	8	21	1	30

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

There were no cases of smallpox in the District during 1956 and a table is given below showing the number and ages of children vaccinated during the year.

	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Vaccinated	117	6	4	3	6	136
Re-vaccinated ...	—	—	1	1	22	24

B.C.G. VACCINATION

School Scheme, September 1956

School.	No. of Consents	Mantoux Test			No. Vaccinated
		No. Tested	Positive	Negative	
Seaham R.C.	32	29	12	17	17
Seaham Boys' Modern ...	37	32	12	20	20
Seaham Girls' Modern ...	48	45	13	30	30
Seaham Camden Square Mod.	55	48	14	33	33
Seaham Girls' Grammar ...	45	43	13	30	30
Totals	217	197	64	130	130

Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning during the year.

Summary of Work done by the Public Health Inspectors
during the year 1956.

	No. of Inspection s	No. of Informal Notices served	No. of Statutory Notices served	Defects remedied after Notice
Housing:				
Public Health and Housing Acts ...	887	118	20	112
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:				
Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—
Defective ...	15	4	1	4
Drainage ...	79	3	3	3
Water Supply ...	6	3	—	3
Food Premises ...	679	—	—	—
Shops Act ...	214	—	—	—
Dairies ...	—	—	—	—
Slaughterhouses:				
Public ...	—	—	—	—
Private ...	1171	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, etc. ...	—	—	—	—
Offensive Trades ...	—	—	—	—
Factories & Workplaces	43	—	—	—
Keeping of Animals ...	4	—	—	—
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles ...	26	26	21	22
Offensive accumulations	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances ...	2	2	—	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ...	739	—	—	—
Infectious Disease Investigations ...	73	—	—	—
Port Health ...	10	—	—	—
Dustbins ...	21	21	—	18
TOTAL ...	3,969	177	45	164

Ashpit-privies converted into water-closets ...	...	—
Ash-closets converted into water-closets ...	...	—
Total number of water-closets in District ...	...	8,919
„ ash-closets in District ...	...	10
„ ashpit-privies in District ...	...	5

Disinfestation.

During the year a total of 581 inspections (including revisits) resulted in the discovery and elimination of 263 infestations. When complaints of vermin are reported or houses found to be infested with vermin, disinfestation is carried out by the Rodent Operator using D.D.T. or B.H.C. in either powder, liquid or smoke form.

Rodent Control.

This work is carried out by the Rodent Operator and his assistant. The system of treatment is that recommended by the Infestation Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and this also applies to the destruction of rats in sewers which were treated twice during the year. During 1956, 739 inspections were made as a result of complaints of rat and mouse infestations and 307 of them revealed evidence of vermin. Treatments were given in all cases.

Factories.

During the year 43 inspections were made to the 36 factories in the area. No complaints were received relating to them and it was not necessary to serve any notices.

Clean Air.

The problem of the abatement of the nuisance from smoke and coal dust from the colliery railways and docks is being kept in mind, but cannot be easily resolved because of the immense capital cost involved.

Cinemas and Halls.

No complaints were received concerning the sanitary condition of the cinemas or halls in the District.

Shops Act, 1950.

A total of 214 visits were made during the year and no notices were required to be served under this Act.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

The one pet shop in the area is kept under supervision and is being conducted in a satisfactory manner.

Housing.

During the year 162 new Council houses and 39 new private houses were erected in the District. 11 condemned houses were demolished.

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

(i) Meat Inspection.

Every animal killed in the ten slaughterhouses in the District is inspected before the meat is sold, and during the year a total of 3,466 animals were dealt with, necessitating 1,171 visits. On the whole, the quality of the meat is quite high, although some butchers purchase a little lower quality dead meat from wholesalers. Details of the animals inspected are appended below in the form specified in Ministry of Health Circular No. 17 of 1955. A list is also given of the carcasses, part carcasses and organs condemned.

APPENDIX.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known) ...	549	2	—	2,453	462	—
Number inspected	549	2	—	2,453	462	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	1	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	90	—	—	16	4	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	18.21	—	—	0.70	0.86	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses condemned...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	24	1	—	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.55	50.00	—	—	0.64	—
Cysticercosis.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Carcases, Part Carcases and Organs Condemned.

Beast Carcase (Tuberculosis)	1
Beast Part Carcase (Tuberculosis)	2
Beast Part Carcase, (Bruising)	4
Beast Heads and Tongues (Tuberculosis)	6
Beast Lungs (Tuberculosis and Fascioliasis)	11
Beast Livers (Tuberculosis)	5
Beast Livers and Part Livers (Fascioliasis and Abscesses)	86
Cow Lungs (Tuberculosis)	1
Sheep Carcase (Dropsy)	1
Sheep Part Carcase (Bruising)	1
Sheep Lungs (Parasitic)	4
Sheep Livers (Fascioliasis)	11
Pig Heads (Tuberculosis)	3
Pig Part Carcase (Bruising)	1
Pig Liver (Cirrhosis)	2
Pig Kidney (Cystic)	1

(ii) Milk.

Only designated bottled milk is sold in Seaham Urban District, as this is now part of an area designated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the powers contained in the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

59 shops are licensed to sell designated milk and in addition there are three licensed retailers residing within the District. Seven supplementary licences were issued to retailers who reside outside of the District but who sell milk within the area.

(iii) Ice-Cream.

During the year 156 samples of ice cream were taken from the five manufacturers and the 26 other shops registered for the sale of ice cream. Regular inspections have been carried out during the year.

(iv) Cafes, Canteens and School Kitchens.

The five ice cream manufacturers also conduct small cafes and in addition there are two other cafes in the District. There are three colliery canteens and three school kitchens in the area and it is pleasing to note that no complaints concerning these premises were received during the year. An effective liaison with both the National Coal Board and the Durham County Council Education Department ensures that little difficulty arises in dealing with any problems which may occur.

(v) Fish and Chip Shops.

There are now 12 fish and chip shops, one of which also sells fresh fish, and two other fresh fish shops in the District.

(vi) Food Premises.

During the year, 679 inspections of food premises were made. In the course of these visits the following foods were condemned and destroyed in the Council's incinerator :—

Apple Jelly, 5 jars	Fish Paste, 100 tins	Plums, 2 tins
Apple & Damson Jelly, 2 jars	Flour, 21 bags	Pork & Tongue, 4 tins
Apricots, 24 tins	Fruit Cocktail, 1 tin	Pork in Juice, 4 tins
Bacon, 14½ lbs.	Fruit Salad, 19 tins	Pork Luncheon Meat, 45 tins
Beans, 94 tins	Grapefruit, 14 tins	Potatoes, 5 cwts.
Beetroot, 22 jars	Herrings, 2 tins	Pressed Veal & Pork, 3 tins
Biscuits, 1 tin	Jam, 1 jar	Raspberry Jam, 1 jar
Blackberries, 2 tins	Jellied Veal, 3 tins	Rice, 1 packet
Boiled Ham, 22 tins	Lemon Curd, 1 jar	Ryvita, 1 packet
Butter, 1¾ lbs.	Lunch Tongue, 7 tins	Salad Cream, 1 jar
Carrots, 4 tins	Luncheon Meat, 6 tins	Salmon, 6 tins
Casserole Steak, 9 tins	Meat Paste, 16 tins	Sardines, 1 tin
Cheese, 3 boxes	Milk, 124 tins	Sausages, 2 tins
Cheese, 4¼ lbs.	Minced Beef Loaf, 11 tins	Self Raising Flour, 31 packets
Chicken, 1 tin	Minced Chicken, 1 tin	Slab Cake, 12 lbs.
Chocolate Biscuits, 15 lbs.	Mixed Fruits, 4 tins	Soup, 18 tins
Chopped Ham, 2 tins	Mixed Vegetables, 1 tin	Stewed Steak, 24 tins
Chopped Pork, 31 tins	Oranges, 58 tins	Strawberries, 8 tins
Coffee, 1 tin	Peaches, 34 tins	Strawberry Jam, 3 jars
Cooked Ham, 7½ lbs.	Pears, 55 tins	Suet, 1 packet
Corned Beef, 49 tins	Peas, 99 tins	Sweets, 14 lbs.
Crab, 3 tins	Pickled Onions, 1 jar	Tomatoes, 506 tins
Cream, 6 tins	Pickles, 6 jars	Tongue, 28 tins
Creamed Rice, 3 tins	Pineapple, 42 tins	
Dates, 3 packets	Pineapple Cubes, 14 tins	
Fish, 2 tins	Pineapple Curd, 8 jars	
	Pineapple Pieces, 2 tins	

Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the Year.

	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number reported to be defective	Number of Vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of Vessels on which defects were found and reported to Ministry of Transport Surveyors	Number of Vessels reported as having or having had, during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector				
Foreign { * Motor Sailing Fishing	15	8629	—	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Nil	Nil	—	—	"	"	"	"
	Nil	Nil	—	—	"	"	"	"
Total Foreign ...	15	8629	—	6	"	"	"	"
Coastwise { * Motor Sailing... Fishing	1085	763,651	1	4	"	"	"	"
	Nil	Nil	—	—	"	"	"	"
	Nil	Nil	—	—	"	"	"	"
Total Coastwise ...	1085	763,651	1	4	"	"	"	"
Total Foreign and Coastwise	1100	772,280	1	10	"	"	"	"

* Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

Factories Act, 1937 & 1948

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	1	—	—	—	—	1
						
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	36	43	—	—	2
						
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—	3
	—	36	43	—	—	—
TOTAL ..						

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)...	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
(a) Insufficient ...	10	2	2	—	—	—	10
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	11	—	—	—	—	—	11
(c) Not separate for sexes...	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	60	2	2	—	—	—	60
TOTAL...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

